

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the first paragraph under "Related Applications" starting on page 1, line 6 to read as follows:

This application claims priority under 35 USC § 120 from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/132,848 filed on August 11, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,147,109 issued November 14, 2000, entitled UPREGULATION OF TYPE III ENDOTHELIAL CELL NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE BY HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS and under 35 USC § 119 from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/062,093 filed on October 14, 1997, entitled UPREGULATION OF TYPE III ENDOTHELIAL CELL NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE BY HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS. The contents of both of these applications ~~this application~~ are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.